

Areas Of Spiritual Understanding

Spiritual understanding is available in three major ways.

Understanding furnished by the senses –

Romans 1:18-20 [NIV] *“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”*

The physical creation all around us points towards a great Creator God.

Humans, influenced by Satan, have tried to mask this understanding by promoting the delusion of evolution.

Please download and study our articles on this website that can be found under the sub-heading of ‘*Evolution.*’

Only when we accept the existence of a Creator God can all this physical creation open up our mind to spiritual understanding behind this world in which we live.

Understanding received by faith –

Hebrews 11:1-3 [NIV] *“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”*

Faith linked with the assured belief in a Creator God is the foundation of all spiritual understanding.

Hebrews 11:6 [NIV] *“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”*

Through faith in Him, God rewards us with spiritual understanding that when obeyed will please our Creator and Sustainer.

This faith is a gift from our Creator. [**Ephesians 2:8**]

This faith is linked to the study of God’s Word, the Christian Bible, [**Romans 10:17**] which directs us how we are to conduct our lives. [**2 Corinthians 5:7**]

God’s Word, the Christian Bible, is divine revelation and is received by the believing mind without proof.

God’s Words are taken on trust and cannot in the very nature of it be demonstrated to be true.

If proof was possible then faith would not be necessary.

This understanding is based on the very character of the Creator God who is giving it to us, that it is impossible for Him to lie. [**Titus 1:2**]

Understanding given by direct spiritual experience –

This differs radically from the other two.

It has nothing to do with the senses.

It has nothing to do with ethics or doctrine so is **not** moral or theological understanding.

The scriptures are the source of all rational spiritual understanding about moral and religious things except those that are revealed by physical creation. [**Psalms 19:1-4; Romans 1:19-20**]

Knowledge by spiritual experience is **not** mental, it is intuitive.

It is consciousness, it is acquaintance with someone by direct awareness.

What do I mean by consciousness and awareness?

Ask how do you know that you exist?

Ask how do you know you are who you are and not someone else?

Ask how do you know you are alive and not dead?

The answer is simply conscious awareness of which reason has **no** part.

To prove to yourself that you exist you must first be aware that you exist before you can begin to prove that you do exist!

There is at the very root of true religion an inner awareness of God the Father and Jesus Christ.

This experience is the end result of faith in and obedience to the Word of God, the Christian Bible.

It is a consciousness of God and spiritual things in our human spirit, a very personal experience.

Things too deep and wonderful to utter or even think.

If this sounds too extreme or mystical let us understand that this was once an accepted and expected phenomenon in most protestant churches.

This intimate acquaintance with God in living spiritual experience, came about as a result of the Word of God, the Christian Bible, being preached in the power of the Holy Spirit, and His working within the human spirit.

Even today there are those who can testify that they also know what I am talking about.

God still has His thousands who know what the inner witness is.

This is the wonderful end result of a human life that is totally surrendered to the will of the Creator God.

Romans 12:1-2 [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

This wonderful knowledge of our Creator God can be yours to experience, for it is the ultimate desire of our Creator God.

John 17:3 [Amplified Bible] *“And this is eternal life, it means to know, to perceive, recognise, become acquainted with and understand, You the only true and real God, and likewise to know Him, Jesus as the Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah, Whom You have sent.”*

We can experience this intimate relationship even now in this physical life, under certain conditions.

1 John 5:1-5, 10-12 [NIV] *“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.” ... “Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”*

We experience this intimate relationship through the active indwelling of the Holy Spirit, that is Jesus Christ working in and through us now. [**John 14:15-18**]